

# Confucius

1. Confucius's ethic of *ren*, which emphasizes the self-cultivation by following precepts of humility and benevolence, is the most important part in his teaching.
2. Confucian doctrines focused solely in how to seek harmony in the family.
3. Confucius's popularity continued to grow after his death in 206 BCE.
4. What happened to Confucius during his life, and what his teaching was can be precisely known through the extant texts that his students and disciples wrote about him.
5. The Analects, Lunyu, and Mencius are the 3 best books about Confucius's teaching, and life.
6. The Lunyu provides extensive information about Confucius and his moral code.
7. The ancient classical books that Confucius authored and edited were studied for centuries as textbooks.
8. Before Confucius, education was for elite students who had high person's social station.
9. What is NOT right about the Axial Age?
  - Among a lot of Eastern philosophers, Socrates in Greece also rose at this time.
  - Buddha in India grew at this time.
  - Besides Confucius, this age witnessed the emergence of many other important philosophers and religious leaders.
  - It started in year 800.
10. What was the NOT similarity between Confucius and Socrates?
  - Their doctrines both remain inscrutable.
  - They lived in the same political periods of time.
  - They lived in the same country with wars, coups, and power struggles.
  - There were no exact records of their doctrines.
11. How do scholars reveal small truth about Confucius's existence?
  - By comparing his doctrines with Socrates.
  - By studying the Analects, Zuo zhuan, and Mencius.
  - By making archeological discovery.
  - By studying his students' extant text.

12. Which is NOT true about Confucius as a teacher?

- He adjusted his teaching according to his students' ability.
- He didn't only teach children of the elite, but people of different social statuses.
- Morality and scholarship were the most important part of his lessons.
- He provided his students with a lot of skills and knowledge, which was the emphasis of his teaching.

13. What are the two most important qualities of a scholar as stated by Confucius?

- Gold and jade
- Loyalty and faith
- Morality and scholarship
- Education and scholarship

14. There are some striking similarities between Confucius and Socrates in terms of their ..... Their teaching approach were both ..... Firstly, Confucius encouraged his ..... to exchange information, and Socrates led his students to ..... of knowledge with questions, and referenced classical works. Besides, developing ..... was considered the highest goals, and the ..... of knowledge the highest ambition. Moreover, Confucius's knowledge of the will of heaven, and Socrates' roles to fulfill the will of the gods prove that they are similar in the belief that they had a higher .....

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